

## HOW LLOYD GEORGE, REAL RULER OF ENGLAND, STANDS STRAIN

By MILTON BRONNER.

LONDON, July 23.—If Lloyd George gets a haircut there is much gossip. If he is ill and goes to the country for a few days' rest, there is great discussion.

These statements of recent facts show how largely the "little Welsh soothsayer" who is the premier of the British Kingdom, bulk in the public eye. It is true that King George reigns but does not rule; it's equally true that the other George rules but does not reign.

But since the days of Gladstone and Disraeli, has England had a prime minister whose shoulders such great responsibilities have been placed. And no statesman in the present world has weathered the storms for so long.

All the great war makers and the

great peace makers have passed. Wilson is in retirement. Clemenceau was defeated when he wanted to be president. Others are gone.

Lloyd George goes on. Tremendous odds like the coal strike and the Irish question fail to make him lose his hold.

How does he do it? How does he carry the burden without breaking down in health?

In a country devoted to athletics, Lloyd George has never been known as an athlete. His main exercise is golfing and he is not in record as ever having turned in a remarkable score. He is not a naturalist, but he likes to take a few friends out on a hike over the country roads on Sundays.

Lord Lee of Fareham recently gave

the nation a magnificent country estate called "Chequers" to be used as a country home for British ministers.

Those unfriendly to the premier say we doesn't read; that he doesn't know history. One of his close friends told me he is a great reader.

But it doesn't matter. He doesn't have to read history. He has been making it. He doesn't have to read books. He has been reading men and events for 20 years. He has talked with nearly every famous person in Europe and the United States, and has treasured the facts they have told him in his very retentive memory.

His ability as a hymn singer illustrates his remarkable memory. Welshmen are mainly Non-Conformists, belonging to other Protestant bodies than the Church of England. They are great hymn singers and as a rule have sweet voices. Lloyd George is a true Welshman, and he knows all the words and tunes of scores of hymns. His voice is a rich baritone.

Lloyd George likes to eat. He prefers French cooking to the heavy English "bailed dinners," and patronized a French restaurant in London for years.

Best of all, he likes Welsh dishes. When his digestion is not at its best, or when he is concentrating on some international problem, he has to be careful of his diet. Mrs. Lloyd George is a cook. The menu is almost entirely Welsh, and it's then that the poor man really enjoys his meals.

He doesn't like wine, but he's partial to big black Havering cigars.

Lloyd George does not care about clothes. He always wears a suit in the cabinet. Thus, a look at it

they never had seen a suit fit for the premier to be true. Too many bigger things to look after.

Lloyd George's relations with the royal family are probably more intimate than any premier since the financial difficulties between Churchill and Queen Victoria. He is not only close to the king and queen, but the friend and adviser of the Prince of Wales.

When the prince wants to make a speech, he asks Lloyd George as tutor. And often consults him about other important speeches.

The premier's greatest friend is Lord Reading, viceroy of India. Two others are newspapermen, Lord Birrell, owner of the News of the World, and Sir Henry Birrell, owner of the Chronicle. In his summer his particular visitors are Sir Gordon Hewart, the attorney general, and Sir Horace Crosswood, chief secretary for Ireland. Sir Philip Sassoon, one of his secretaries, an enormously wealthy young bachelor and related to the Rothschilds, is another intimate.

Count Nancy Astor also can be counted among the premier's closest friends. Lloyd George has great faith in the political intentions of women and depends for advice especially upon his wife and Lady Astor. This is true now more than ever, with women voting in England.

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David Lloyd George, British premier, wields more power than the King. He expects to come to America as a member of the British delegation to the disarmament conference. His name is almost as common to Americans as that of Woodrow Wilson because of his war work. Yet America knows practically nothing of Lloyd George himself. This story by Milton Bronner gives an insight into the interesting home life of this remarkable man.—N. E. A.

### FIRST LONG STAPLE COTTON IS GINNED

The first ginning of the long-staple cotton for the season in the Rio Grande Valley was turned out yesterday in Corpus Christi by the Missouri River gin, owned by the Missouri River Irrigation Company. The gin is located on the banks of the Nueces River, 12 miles from the city of Corpus Christi.

The ginners invited to be present included the manager of the Missouri River Irrigation Company, Mr. J. C. Jackson, and Mr. W. C. Thompson, manager of the Missouri River Irrigation Company.

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